(4) To provide house sites to the Depressed Classes.
(5) For immediate needs of Government such as construction of Eri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether any land has been resumed by the Government for any purpose other than the five things mentioned here in the answer ?

Rao Sahib A. Madha Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: May have been; I can't say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancher)*: Has any land been resumed, Sir, from any tenant for giving it to another tenant ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I want notice; I don't think that we have done so.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ജലസേചനപദ്ധതിക്കായി ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളും ജലസേചനപദ്ധതികൾക്കായിത്തന്നെ മടക്കികൊടുക്കാൻ വിരോധമുണ്ടോ ?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Those leases have already been cancelled.

ARTICLE IN THE "DEENABANDHU" DATED 24TH MAY 1946

348. Mr. C. R. Iyyuni *(Nellyi)*: Will Government be pleaased to state.—

Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the article appearing in "Deenabandhu" dated 24th May 1946 regarding the transport of rice to Travancore through എടവനക്കാട് and enquiry conducted by the Government for the same?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. Enquires were conducted and the matter was dropped as there was no reliable evidence.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi)*: Who is the officer who conducted the enquiry ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The Grain Purchasing Assistant made enquiries and then the papers were forwarded to the Narakkal Police for further investigation and they made enquiries.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi)*: May I know whether the enquiry was conducted after my question was put ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No, I shall give you the date. The report of the Grain Purchasing Assistant was received some time about the 5th of Mithunam 1121.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ : എപ്രകാരത്തിലുള്ള അന്വേഷണമാണ് നടത്തിയത്. അവിടെയുള്ള ആളുകളിൽനിന്നു വല്ല തെളിവും ശേഖരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The incident referred to in that in the night some persons were found taking two bags of paddy and somebody from a drama shed ran up the place when they dropped down the bags and decamped. It was not possible to identify the persons who were concerned in the matter.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi)*: May I know whether there is any officer who immediately brings to the notice of the Government the complaints that are made in papers ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes, the Information Officer sends extracts to the officers concerned.

Mr C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi)*: As soon as information is received, is the Government in the habit of making enquiries ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes, that is always the case.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Does the Government know the Author of the article ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I don't know. It is written here as one Raghavan.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Did that particular person give any evidence ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: All persons who had information of this were interviewed, but it was not possible to trace the persons concerned, as it was done in the dead of night.

PERUMPUZHA BUND

349. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorkam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the span of eastern bridge on the Perumpuzha bund;
(b) what part of it was blocked up after the collapse of that bridge;

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(*c*) what difference in level of water did this blocking cause;

(*d*) what is the area of Kuttadan cultivation that was submerged by the waters of the Manakodi lake and for how many days did the submersion last;

(*e*) have Government got any idea of the loss of crops that has been brought about by this submersion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) The bridge openings on the Perumpuzha embankment is 150 ft.

(*b*) Two spans of 25 ft. each of one bridge was blocked.

(*c*) The difference in level of water on either side of the embankment was 1′ 6″ during the highest floods. Ordinarily this difference used to be about 9 inches.

(*d*) About 3,200 acres; Submersion lasted from 15 to 30 days.

(*e*) It requires some more time to find out the exact area of crops damaged and attempts are being made to ascertain this.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ : പെരുമ്പുഴ പാലം പൊളിഞ്ഞുവീണതു് എന്നാണെന്നറിയാമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : നോട്ടീസ്സു് വേണം.

PERUMPUZHA BRIDGE

350. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (*Oorakam*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the Perumpuzha bridge (east) collapse;

(*b*) when was the temporary bridge put up in its place;

(*c*) why was not the bridge permanently replaced before the outbreak of the monsoon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) About 2 a.m. on 18th October 1945 (2nd Thulam 1121).

(*b*) The temporary bridge was opened for traffic on 26th November 1945 (11th Vrischigam 1121).

(*c*) Foundation details had to be ascertained after taking borings. This could be done only after water level came down. After collecting these details, there was not sufficient time to complete the work before the monsoon, if taken up. The work is programmed for execution in 1122.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ : ഈ പാലം പൊളിഞ്ഞ സ്ഥലത്തു ഇങ്ങിനെ അടച്ചു കെട്ടിയതുകൊണ്ടാണു് കൃഷിക്കു ദോഷം നേരിട്ടതെന്നറിയാമൊ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : അതുകൊണ്ടു പറയത്തക്ക ദോഷം കൃഷിക്കു വന്നിട്ടില്ലെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അറിവു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ : എന്നുവെച്ചാൽ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : എന്നുവെച്ചാൽ, പാലം കേടുവന്നതിനു മുമ്പു് ൻ ഇഞ്ചു് ആയിരുന്ന വെള്ളത്തിന്റെ ലെവൽ വ്യത്യാസം. അടച്ചതിനുശേഷം അതു ഒന്നരയടി ആയി. അതു പല കാരണങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടും ആകാം. എങ്ങിനെ ആയാലും ൻ ഇഞ്ചു മാത്രമേ വ്യത്യാസമുള്ളു.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ : ഈ കഴ അടച്ചതുകൊണ്ടു് വെള്ളത്തിന്റെ ആധിക്യമുണ്ടാകാമെന്നുള്ളതു തീച്ചയല്ലെ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Theoretically speaking, it can be said that by blocking up even one foot of the ventway of the bridge there will be some slight rise in the level of water. But what I want to say here now is that the embankment has 150 feet opening and only 50 feet has been blocked. There is still 100 feet of the Bridge opening functioning for the flood discharge.

Mr. P. Sankara Menon (*Trichur-North*): When was this got closed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): In November 1945.

Mr. P. Sankara Menon (*Trichur-North*): Was there any trouble last year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : Last year the bridge collapsed after the floods. So it was not possible to know whether it had any effect last year.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജോസ് കെ. വള്ളിസ്സ് : പുഴയും കായലും ആയിട്ടുള്ള വാട്ടർ ലെവൽ എന്താണു് ?

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